Telecom Facilities in Rural Areas

6364. SHRI C. NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the expansion of Telecommunication facilities in rural areas is lagging far behind as compared to urban/semi urban areas;

(b) if so, the ratio of expansion during each of the last two calendar years;

(c) the reasons identified in this regard; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to bridge the gap in ratio of expansion?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Multi Crore Scams in AAI

6365. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO:

SHRI DILEEP SANGHANI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether some multicrore scams have been unearthed in AAI recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to check the recurrence of such scam?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Certain irregularities in the leasing of land by the Airports Authority of India to M/s Hotel Leela Ventures Ltd. at Mumbai Airport allegedly resulting in considerable loss to the Authority is under investigation by the Central Bureau of Investigation.

[Translation]

100 KW Capacity Transmitters

6366. SHRIMATI PURNIMA VERMA:

SHRI RAVINDER KUMAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise places where the TV relay centes of 10 KW capacity is likely to be set up in the country including Uttar Pradesh during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the time by which the work on setting up of transmission centres with 100 K.W. capacity is likely to be completed; and

(c) the percentage of population is likely to be covered within the range of television transmission in each State after completion of the above work?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) While there is no scheme to set up 100 KW TV transmitter anywhere in the country, the State-wise details of locations, where 10 KW/1 KW TV transmitters are proposed to be set up under the IX Plan, are given in the attached Statement-I. The actual capacity of the proposed transmitters would depend upon various factors such as technical feasibility and the extent of resultant coverage. Besides, a number of continuing VIII Plan HPT (10 KW) projects are also targetted for completion during 1997-98 and 1998-99.

(c) State-wise percentage of population expected to be covered by TV service after implementation of all the TV projects presently under implementation/proposed to be set up under IX Plan are given in the attached Statement-II

Statement-I

State-wise list of locations where high power TV transmitters (10 KW/1 KW) are proposed to be set up during IX Plan subject to availability of fund, land, power supply etc.

State	Location
1	2
Andhra pradesh	Warangal
	Ongole
Assam	Tezpur
	Jorhat
	Bongaigaon/Kokrajhar
	Silchar (DD-II)
	Guwahati (DD-II)
Bihar	Motihari
	Jamshedpur
	Deoghar
Gujarat	Bhavnagar
	Surat
	Vadodra
	Radhanpur
	Junagarh
Haryana	Hissar
Himachal Pradesh	Dharamshala
Jammu and Kashmir	Naushera
	Poonch (DD-II)